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CANDIDATE SURVEY

LIFESPAN sent the following ten-question survey to each candidate for U.S. Senate, State Senate, Michigan House of Representatives, County Commissioner and various other offices in Wayne, Oakland & Macomb Counties. Statements provided by candidates are on file at LIFESPAN's Main Office. (A separate Judicial Candidate Survey was also emailed or mailed to candidates for Appeals, Circuit, District & Probate Courts. See pages 19-22.)

1. The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision allows for abortion for any reason, even as a method of birth control, even in the late states of pregnancy. In 2022, *Roe* was overturned by the Supreme Court. Do you SUPPORT their decision?
2. Do you SUPPORT a law banning partial-birth abortions?
3. Some public funds are used for abortions or abortion referrals, such as funding for Planned Parenthood. Do you OPPOSE the use of public funds (i.e. Planned Parenthood) for abortion or abortion referrals?
4. Human embryonic stem cells and human fetal tissue (obtained through non-therapeutic abortion) are used in some medical experimentation which has no beneficial effects for the fetus. Would you SUPPORT legislation that would prohibit the use of embryonic stem cells and fetal tissue research, especially when the killing of the preborn child is necessary for this type of experimentation?
5. Would you SUPPORT a law banning so-called "reproductive cloning" - cloning meant to result in the birth of a baby?
6. Knowing that the removal of stem cells from human embryos (obtained through non-therapeutic abortion) results in the death of those embryos, would you SUPPORT a law banning so-called "therapeutic cloning" (somatic cell nuclear transfer)?
7. Do you SUPPORT the Michigan statute that prohibits assisted suicide (so called "aid in dying")?
8. Do you SUPPORT honoring the wishes of patients who want life-saving treatment (including food and water) regardless of their degree of disability, age and "quality of life"?
9. Do you SUPPORT legislation that would protect health care professionals from being forced to distribute medications or provide medical care that violates their moral or religious beliefs?
10. Do you SUPPORT changes in the Michigan Constitution which will protect the preborn from being destroyed by abortion?

NOTE: LIFESPAN is not a political organization and does not endorse candidates for election. We have surveyed the candidates as a service to our members. The questionnaires are on file at LIFESPAN's Main Office for your perusal. If you need further verification on a candidate's stand on these or other issues, please contact the candidate directly.

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District Finder for Metro Detroit

Community	US House District	MI Senate District	MI House District
Addison Twp.	9	24	66
Allen Park	13	1/2	2
Armada Twp.	9	25	65
Auburn Hills	11	7	53/54
Belleville	6	4	31
Berkley	11	8	6
Birmingham	11	8	5/19/56
Bloomfield Hills	11	7	54
Bloomfield Twp.	11	7	6/19/20/ 54/56
Brandon Twp.	9	24	66
Brownstown Twp.	6	4	28
Bruce Twp.	9	24	66
Canton Twp.	6	5	24/25
Centerline	10	10	14
Clarkston	9	23	52
Clawson	11	3/8	56
Clinton Twp.	10	11/12	60/61/62
Commerce Twp.	11	13/23	20/49/51
Dearborn	12	2	3/15
Dearborn Heights	12/13	2	15/25
Detroit	12/13	1/2/3/6/7/8/ 10/11	1/3/4/5/7/ 12/16/17
Eastpointe	10	11	12
Ecorse	13	1	1
Farmington	11	6	18/21
Farmington Hills	11	6/13	18/19/21
Ferndale	11	8	8
Flat Rock	5/6	4/16	28
Fraser	10	11	62
Garden City	12	5	26
Gibraltar	6	4	27
Grosse Ile	6	4	27
Grosse Pointe	13	12	10
G.P. Farms	13	12	10
G.P. Park	13	12	10
G.P. Shores	9/13	12	10/12
G.P. Woods	13	12	10
Groveland Twp.	9	24	68
Hamtramck	13	3	7
Harper Woods	13	12	10
Harrison Twp.	10	12	62
Hazel Park	11	3	14
Highland Park	13	3	7
Highland Twp.	9	23	51
Holly Twp.	9	22	72
Huntington Woods	11	8	6
Huron Twp.	6	4	29
Independence Twp.	9	23/24	52
Inkster	12	5	26
Keego Harbor	11	13	20
Lake Angelus	11	7	52
Lathrup Village	12	7	18
Lenox Twp.	9	25	65
Lincoln Park	13	1	2
Livonia	12	5/6	16/17/22
Lyon Twp.	7	23	21/23/49
Macomb Twp.	9/10	11/24	59/60
Madison Heights	11	3	14/57
Melvindale	13	1	2

Community	US House District	MI Senate District	MI House District
Memphis	9	25	65
Milford Twp.	7/9	23	51
Mt. Clemens	10	12	61
New Baltimore	9	12	63
Northville	6	13	21/22
Northville Twp.	6	13	22/23
Novi	6/11	13/23	21/49
Novi Twp.	6	13	21
Oak Park	11	8	5/18
Oakland Twp.	9	7/24	54/55/66
Orchard Lake	11	13	20
Orion Twp.	9	24	54
Oxford Twp.	9	24	66
Pleasant Ridge	11	8	8
Plymouth	6	13	22
Plymouth Twp.	6	13	22/23
Pontiac	11	7	53
Ray Twp.	9	24	65
Redford Twp.	12	6	16/17
Richmond	9	25	65
Richmond Twp.	9	25	65
River Rouge	13	1	1
Riverview	6	4	27
Rochester	10	9	55
Rochester Hills	10	9	55
Rockwood	6	4	28
Rose Twp.	9	23	72
Roseville	10	11	13/62
Romulus	13	4	26/29/31
Royal Oak	11	3/8	6/56
Royal Oak Twp.	11	8	5
St. Clair Shores	10	12	12/13/62
Shelby Twp.	10	9/24	58/59
South Lyon	7	23	23
Southfield	12	7	6/18/19
Southfield Twp.	12	7/8	6/19
Southgate	13	4	2/27
Springfield Twp.	9	23	51/52
Sterling Heights	10	3/9/10	57/58/61
Sumpter Twp.	6	4	31
Sylvan Lake	11	13	20
Taylor	13	1/4	28/29
Trenton	6	4	27
Troy	11	3/9	56/57
Utica	10	9	58
Van Buren Twp.	6	4	31
Walled Lake	11	13	49
Warren	10	3/10	11/14/58
Washington Twp.	9	24	66
Waterford Twp.	11	7/23	52/53
Wayne	13	4	25
West Bloomfield Twp.	11	13	20
Westland	12	5	25/26
White Lake	9/11	23	51
Wixom	11	23	49
Woodhaven	6	4	28
Wyandotte	13	4	27

WAYNE COUNTY



Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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<u>U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>											<u>15th District State Representative</u>												
<u>12th Congressional District</u>											*												
*											<u>16th District State Representative</u>												
<u>13th Congressional District</u>											*												
*											<u>17th District State Representative</u>												
<u>STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>											*												
<u>2nd District State Representative</u>											<u>22nd District State Representative</u>												
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<u>3rd District State Representative</u>											<u>23rd District State Representative</u>												
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<u>4th District State Representative</u>											<u>24th District State Representative</u>												
Tonya Renay Wells (R) N ^q Y Y ^q Y ^q Y ^q Y Y ^q Y ^q Y -											Leonard C. Scott (R) Y Y Y - Y Y N Y - -												
<u>5th District State Representative</u>											<u>25th District State Representative</u>												
Will Sears (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y											Melandie Yvonne Hines (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y												
<u>7th District State Representative</u>											<u>26th District State Representative</u>												
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<u>8th District State Representative</u>											<u>27th District State Representative</u>												
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<u>9th District State Representative</u>											<u>28th District State Representative</u>												
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<u>10th District State Representative</u>											Y												
Griffin Wojtowicz (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y																							
<u>11th District State Representative</u>																							
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Every election is determined by
the people who show up.

~ Larry J. Sabato ~

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<u>31st District State Representative</u>											<u>7th District County Commissioner</u>												
Dale J. Biniecki (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*												
<u>WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</u>											<u>8th District County Commissioner</u>												
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<u>WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF</u>											<u>9th District County Commissioner</u>												
*											Terry A. Marecki (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<u>WAYNE COUNTY CLERK</u>											<u>10th District County Commissioner</u>												
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<u>WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER</u>											<u>11th District County Commissioner</u>												
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<u>WAYNE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS</u>											<u>12th District County Commissioner</u>												
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<u>WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>											<u>13th District County Commissioner</u>												
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<u>3rd District County Commissioner</u>											*												
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<u>4th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Ecorse Mayor</u>												
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<u>5th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Ecorse Clerk</u>												
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											<u>Ecorse Assessor</u>												
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Ecorse City Council

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Garden City City Council

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Lincoln Park Mayor

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Lincoln Park Clerk

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Lincoln Park Treasurer

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Lincoln Park City Council

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Wayne Mayor

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Wayne City Council

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Brownstown Twp. Supervisor

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Brownstown Twp. Clerk

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Brownstown Twp. Treasurer

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Brownstown Twp. Trustee

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Canton Twp. Supervisor

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Canton Twp. Clerk

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* No response was received by Candidates

Canton Twp. Treasurer

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Canton Twp. Trustee

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Canton Twp. Library Board

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Grosse Ile Twp. Supervisor

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Grosse Ile Twp. Clerk

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Grosse Ile Twp. Treasurer

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Grosse Ile Twp. Trustee

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Huron Twp. Supervisor

David A. Glaab (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

Huron Twp. Clerk

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Huron Twp. Treasurer

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Huron Twp. Trustee

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Northville Twp. Supervisor

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Northville Twp. Clerk

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Northville Twp. Treasurer

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Northville Twp. Trustee

Chris Roosen (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

Plymouth Twp. Supervisor

Charles J. Curmi (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

Plymouth Twp. Clerk

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Plymouth Twp. Treasurer

Janai Stepp (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

Plymouth Twp. Trustee

Gregory Bill (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y N Y Y Y

Audrey Monaghan (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

Redford Twp. Supervisor

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Redford Twp. Clerk

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Redford Twp. Treasurer

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Redford Twp. Trustee

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LIFESPAN Candidate Survey

Right to Life - LIFESPAN is a non-profit educational and legislative organization. The educational side informs and motivates people to do something. The legislative side speaks to changing laws. LIFESPAN can take sides and urge passage of legislation which is called lobbying. LIFESPAN is not "political." LIFESPAN does not have a political action committee (PAC) to elect or to defeat candidates. However, we can publish candidate surveys. This has been clearly permitted on a number of occasions by the U.S. Supreme Court. We can also list office holders and tell you how they have voted on various issues. Such reporting, as we do it, is not "political." Because this comes under Freedom of the Press, such information can be passed out through churches, without jeopardizing their tax status (again by a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court). According to legal terminology, this corporation can engage in "issue advocacy." The responses to the survey questions are dependent on the honesty and integrity of the individual candidates. LIFESPAN is not responsible for any candidate's response that differ from his or her public stance of the issues. Any questions or discrepancies should be directed to the candidate. ❖



Election Calendar

JULY 23 - In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency allowed between this date & Election Day.

JULY 27 - Mandatory Period of Early voting per the Michigan Constitution, Article 2, Section 4.

AUGUST 6 (TUESDAY) - STATE PRIMARY

OCTOBER 22 - In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency allowed between this date & Election Day.

OCTOBER 26 - Mandatory Period of Early voting per the Michigan Constitution, Article 2, Section 4.

NOVEMBER 5 (TUESDAY) - GENERAL ELECTION

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Redford Twp. Park Commission

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SumpterTwp. Supervisor

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Sumpter Twp. Clerk

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Sumpter Twp. Treasurer

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Sumpter Twp. Trustee

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Van Buren Twp. Supervisor

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Van Buren Twp. Clerk

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Van Buren Twp. Treasurer

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Van Buren Twp. Trustee

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Wayne County Community College Trustee - Dist 1

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Wayne County Community College Trustee - Dist 3

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Wayne County Community College Trustee - Dist 5

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Register to Vote!

Never underestimate the power of the ballot.

One of the greatest strengths of America is that all citizens are provided a voice through the voting booth. And every vote does count! Many an election has been won by a handful of votes or even just one vote.

But before you can vote in an election, you must be registered. You can register to vote through Election Day. Some clerk's offices have opened satellite offices for voter registration. You must show proof of where you live. Documents must have your name and current address. You can show a digital copy of any document. Acceptable documents include:

- Michigan Driver's License or State ID Card
- Current Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Paycheck or Government Check
- Other Government Document

After registering, you can vote an absent voter ballot at the clerk's office or you can vote at your polling place on Election Day.

Military and overseas civilian voters have additional options to register. For more information, visit this page: https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716-511653--00.html.

To be eligible to register to vote, you must be:

- A Michigan resident (at the time you register)
- A resident of your City/Township
- A United States Citizen
- At least 18 years of age (when you vote)
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail/prison

Check to see if you are registered at: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us>. If you are already registered, your voting record has links to:

- Your Sample Ballot
- Your Polling Place address for voting
- Tracking the status of your absentee ballot
- How to contact your clerk

As you can see, there are several options for you to choose from when registering to vote. But no matter where or how your register, you will vote in your assigned precinct in your hometown.

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*											Hermon Barbe (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<u>U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>											<u>21st District State Representative</u>												
<u>6th Congressional District</u>											Thomas Konesky (R)												
Heather Smiley (R)	Y	Y	Y	- ^q	Y	- ^q	- ^q	Y	Y	- ^q		Y	Y	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<u>7th Congressional District</u>											<u>23rd District State Representative</u>												
*											David Stamp (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<u>9th Congressional District</u>											<u>49th District State Representative</u>												
*											Ann Bollin (R)	- ^q	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>11th Congressional District</u>											<u>51st District State Representative</u>												
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<u>12th Congressional District</u>											<u>52nd District State Representative</u>												
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<u>STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>											<u>53rd District State Representative</u>												
<u>5th District State Representative</u>											*												
Will Sears (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<u>54th District State Representative</u>												
<u>6th District State Representative</u>											*												
Joseph R. Fisher (D)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	<u>55th District State Representative</u>												
<u>8th Congressional District</u>											*												
*											<u>56th District State Representative</u>												
<u>14th District State Representative</u>											*												
*											<u>57th District State Representative</u>												
<u>18th District State Representative</u>											*												
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<u>19th District State Representative</u>											Josh Schriver (R)												
*												Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<u>72nd District State Representative</u>											<u>68th District State Representative</u>												
											David W. Martin (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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OAKLAND COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

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OAKLAND COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

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OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER

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OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1st District County Commissioner

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2nd District County Commissioner

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3rd District County Commissioner

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4th District County Commissioner

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5th District County Commissioner

Michael Spisz (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y

6th District County Commissioner

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7th District County Commissioner

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8th District County Commissioner

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Absentee Voting

All registered voters in Michigan have the right to vote by mail using an absentee ballot delivered to their home. Voters can also request an absentee ballot directly from their local clerk's office. Absentee ballots are available beginning 40 days prior to every election.

Michigan voters can now join the permanent absentee ballot list by checking a box on the application to automatically receive an absentee ballot for every election.

Requesting an absent voter ballot

Voters can submit a completed absentee ballot application to their local clerk online. Once the ballot application has been processed, the absentee ballot will be mailed to the voter beginning 40 days before the election.

Requirements: The following voter information is required to apply online: Full name, Michigan driver's license or ID number, Date of birth, Eye color, Last four digits of the voters Social Security number & Mailing address.

Deadline: Online applications may be submitted until 5 p.m. the Friday before Election Day. To ensure there is enough time to receive and return an absentee ballot, plan on submitting the absentee ballot application online at least 15 days before Election Day.

Completing and returning an absentee ballot

Absentee ballot envelopes will contain a ballot, a secrecy sleeve, and ballot marking instructions. Voters who make a mistake when filling out an absentee ballot must request a new ballot from their local clerk's office for the error to be corrected.

Mistakes may include: Signing in the wrong place, listing the incorrect date, signing with a different signature than what is on file with your local clerk., & accidentally marking a non-preferred vote on the ballot.

Filling out an absentee ballot: Voters should complete their absentee ballot by carefully following the written instructions included with the ballot. Instructions may differ based on the type of election. Voters may contact their local clerk with questions about how to complete an absentee ballot.

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<u>10th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Addison Twp. Library Board Member</u>											
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<u>11th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Bloomfield Twp. Supervisor</u>											
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<u>12th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Bloomfield Twp. Clerk</u>											
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<u>13th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Bloomfield Twp. Treasurer</u>											
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<u>14th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Bloomfield Twp. Trustee</u>											
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<u>15th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Bloomfield Twp. Library Board Member</u>											
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<u>16th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Brandon Twp. Supervisor</u>											
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<u>CITY/TOWNSHIP RACES</u>											<u>Commerce Twp. Supervisor</u>											
<u>Addison Twp. Supervisor</u>											*											
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<u>Addison Twp. Clerk</u>											*											
*											<u>Commerce Twp. Treasurer</u>											
<u>Addison Twp. Treasurer</u>											*											
*											<u>Commerce Twp. Trustee</u>											
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OAKLAND COUNTY



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<u>Groveland Twp. Supervisor</u>											<u>Holly Twp. Park Commissioner</u>											
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<u>Groveland Twp. Clerk</u>											<u>Independence Twp. Supervisor</u>											
*											Terry Whitney (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>Groveland Twp. Treasurer</u>											<u>Independence Twp. Clerk</u>											
Shelly Kidd (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Marianne Hallett (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>Groveland Twp. Trustee</u>											<u>Independence Twp. Treasurer</u>											
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<u>Highland Twp. Supervisor</u>											<u>Independence Twp. Trustee</u>											
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<u>Highland Twp. Clerk</u>											<u>Lyon Twp. Supervisor</u>											
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<u>Highland Twp. Treasurer</u>											<u>Lyon Twp. Clerk</u>											
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<u>Highland Twp. Trustee</u>											<u>Lyon Twp. Treasurer</u>											
Beth Lewis (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*											
<u>Highland Twp. Library Board Member</u>											<u>Lyon Twp. Trustee</u>											
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<u>Holly Twp. Supervisor</u>											<u>Lyon Twp. Library Board Member</u>											
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<u>Holly Twp. Clerk</u>											<u>Milford Twp. Supervisor</u>											
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<u>Holly Twp. Treasurer</u>											<u>Milford Twp. Clerk</u>											
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<u>Holly Twp. Trustee</u>											<u>Milford Twp. Treasurer</u>											
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<u>Milford Twp. Trustee</u>											<u>Orion Twp. Trustee</u>											
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<u>Milford Twp. Library Board Member</u>											<u>Orion Twp. Library Board Member</u>											
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<u>Novi Twp. Supervisor</u>											<u>Oxford Twp. Supervisor</u>											
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<u>Novi Twp. Trustee</u>											<u>Oxford Twp. Clerk</u>											
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<u>Oakland Twp. Supervisor</u>											<u>Oxford Twp. Treasurer</u>											
*											Joseph G. Ferrari (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>Oakland Twp. Clerk</u>											<u>Oxford Twp. Trustee</u>											
*											*											
<u>Oakland Twp. Treasurer</u>											<u>Oxford Twp. Park Commission</u>											
*											*											
<u>Oakland Twp. Trustee</u>											<u>Rose Twp. Supervisor</u>											
Jack E. Elder (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*											
<u>Oakland Twp. Park Commissioner</u>											<u>Rose Twp. Clerk</u>											
*											*											
<u>Oakland Twp. Library Board Member</u>											<u>Rose Twp. Treasurer</u>											
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<u>Orion Twp. Supervisor</u>											<u>Rose Twp. Trustee</u>											
*											*											
<u>Orion Twp. Clerk</u>											<u>Royal Oak Twp. Supervisor</u>											
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<u>Orion Twp. Treasurer</u>											<u>Royal Oak Twp. Clerk</u>											
Penny Shults (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*											
											<u>Royal Oak Twp. Treasurer</u>											
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<u>Royal Oak Twp. Trustee</u>											<u>Waterford Twp. Clerk</u>												
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<u>Royal Oak Twp. Park Commissioner</u>											<u>Waterford Twp. Treasurer</u>												
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<u>Royal Oak Twp. Library Board Member</u>											<u>Waterford Twp. Trustee</u>												
*											Arthur Frasca (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y		
<u>Southfield Twp. Supervisor</u>											<u>West Bloomfield Twp. Supervisor</u>												
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<u>Southfield Twp. Clerk</u>											<u>West Bloomfield Twp. Clerk</u>												
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<u>Southfield Twp. Treasurer</u>											<u>West Bloomfield Twp. Treasurer</u>												
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<u>Southfield Twp. Trustee</u>											<u>West Bloomfield Twp. Trustee</u>												
*											*												
<u>Springfield Twp. Supervisor</u>											<u>West Bloomfield Twp. Park Commissioner</u>												
Laura Moreau (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*												
<u>Springfield Twp. Clerk</u>											<u>West Bloomfield Twp. Library Board Member</u>												
*											*												
<u>Springfield Twp. Treasurer</u>											<u>White Lake Twp. Supervisor</u>												
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<u>Springfield Twp. Trustee</u>											<u>White Lake Twp. Clerk</u>												
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<u>Springfield Twp. Park Commissioner</u>											<u>White Lake Twp. Treasurer</u>												
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<u>Springfield Twp. Library Board Member</u>											<u>White Lake Twp. Trustee</u>												
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<u>Troy City Council</u>											<u>White Lake Twp. Library Board Member</u>												
*											Liz Fessler Smith (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y		
<u>Waterford Twp. Supervisor</u>																							
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MACOMB COUNTY



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<u>U.S. SENATOR</u>												<u>65th District State Representative</u>									
*												Jaime Greene (R) YN ^q Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y									
<u>U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>												<u>66th District State Representative</u>									
<u>9th Congressional District</u>												Josh Schriver (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y									
*												<u>MACOMB COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</u>									
<u>10th Congressional District</u>												*									
*												<u>MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF</u>									
<u>STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>												*									
<u>11th District State Representative</u>												<u>MACOMB COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS</u>									
*												Jackie Ryan (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y									
<u>12th District State Representative</u>												<u>MACOMB COUNTY TREASURER</u>									
*												*									
<u>13th District State Representative</u>												<u>MACOMB COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONER</u>									
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<u>14th District State Representative</u>												<u>MACOMB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>									
*												<u>1st District County Commissioner</u>									
<u>57th District State Representative</u>												*									
*												<u>2nd District County Commissioner</u>									
<u>58th District State Representative</u>												*									
*												<u>3rd District County Commissioner</u>									
<u>59th District State Representative</u>												*									
Jean Zott (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y												<u>4th District County Commissioner</u>									
<u>60th District State Representative</u>												*									
*												<u>5th District County Commissioner</u>									
<u>61st District State Representative</u>												*									
John Grossenbacher (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y												<u>6th District County Commissioner</u>									
<u>62nd District State Representative</u>												*									
*												<u>7th District County Commissioner</u>									
<u>63rd District State Representative</u>												*									
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<u>8th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Bruce Twp. Trustee</u>											
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<u>9th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Chesterfield Twp. Supervisor</u>											
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<u>10th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Chesterfield Twp. Clerk</u>											
*											*											
<u>11th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Chesterfield Twp. Treasurer</u>											
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<u>12th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Chesterfield Twp. Trustee</u>											
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<u>13th District County Commissioner</u>											<u>Chesterfield Twp. Library Board Member</u>											
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<u>CITY/TOWNSHIP RACES</u>											<u>Clinton Twp. Supervisor</u>											
<u>Armada Twp. Supervisor</u>											*											
*											<u>Clinton Twp. Clerk</u>											
<u>Armada Twp. Clerk</u>											*											
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<u>Armada Twp. Treasurer</u>											*											
*											<u>Clinton Twp. Trustee</u>											
<u>Armada Twp. Trustee</u>											*											
*											<u>Harrison Twp. Supervisor</u>											
<u>Armada Twp. Library Board Member</u>											Kenneth J. Verkest (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
*											<u>Harrison Twp. Clerk</u>											
<u>Bruce Twp. Supervisor</u>											*											
*											<u>Harrison Twp. Treasurer</u>											
<u>Bruce Twp. Clerk</u>											*											
*											<u>Harrison Twp. Trustee</u>											
<u>Bruce Twp. Treasurer</u>											*											
*											<u>Harrison Twp. Library Board Member</u>											
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Lenox Twp. Supervisor

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Lenox Twp. Clerk

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Lenox Twp. Treasurer

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Lenox Twp. Trustee

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Lenox Twp. Library Board Member

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Macomb Twp. Supervisor

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Macomb Twp. Clerk

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Macomb Twp. Treasurer

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Macomb Twp. Trustee

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Ray Twp. Supervisor

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Ray Twp. Clerk

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Ray Twp. Treasurer

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Ray Twp. Trustee

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Ray Twp. Library Board Member

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Richmond Twp. Supervisor

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Richmond Twp. Clerk

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Richmond Twp. Treasurer

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Richmond Twp. Trustee

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Shelby Twp. Supervisor

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Shelby Twp. Clerk

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Shelby Twp. Treasurer

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Shelby Twp. Trustee

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Washington Twp. Supervisor

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Washington Twp. Clerk

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Washington Twp. Treasurer

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Washington Twp. Trustee

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Mt. Clemens City Commissioner

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*You can either vote by voting or vote
by not voting. If you don't vote,
someone else's vote counts more.*

IT'S MATH!

* No response was received by Candidates

SAVE THE DATE!



We are so Excited to Announce
Rachel Campos-Duffy

Will be our guest speaker at our

Celebration of Life Dinner

Next Year - May 6, 2025

Host of America's #1 Rated Morning Show, Fox & Friends Weekend.

Outspoken Pro-Life Advocate

Mother of 9 Awesome Kids

Mark Your Calendars!

LINKS FOR LIFE 2024

Friday, August 30

Represent your family, church,
business, or organization with
Sponsorship opportunities
starting at \$100!!!



LIFESPAN'S 4th Annual Charity Golf Outing

Right to Life— *LIFESPAN*

Invites you to join us on Friday, August 30, 2024 for a 9am
Shotgun Start @ Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton

Best Ball Golf with Hot Dog Lunch, Steak Dinner, Contests, Raffles & More!

Register for \$125 per golfer (\$45 for dinner only) TODAY!!!

Contact the LIFESPAN Wayne Chapter at 734-422-6230 or wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to register today!

JUDICIAL CANDIDATE SURVEY

LIFESPAN sent the following three-question survey to each candidate for judicial office in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties, including Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court. Statements provided by judicial candidates are on file at LIFESPAN's Main Office.

The following questions are intended to canvas your judicial philosophy. These questions are not directed at any particular case that you may have previously ruled upon, are about to rule upon or may rule upon in the future.

1. Which of the following groups of United States Supreme Court Justices possess a judicial philosophy that is closest to your own?

- A. Former Late Justice Antonin Scalia & Justice Clarence Thomas
- B. Justice Elena Kagan & Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr.
- C. Justice Sonia Sotomayor & Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson
- D. Former Late Ruth Bader Ginsberg & Former Justice Stephen Breyer

2. Which book most closely captures your judicial philosophy?

- A. *A Matter of Interpretation*, by Antonin Scalia
- B. *Rights from Wrongs*, by Alan Dershowitz
- C. *Active Liberty*, by Stephen Breyer
- D. *Feminist Legal Theory: Readings in Law and Gender*, edited by Katharine T. Bartlett & Roseanne Kennedy

3. Which statement most closely captures your judicial philosophy as it relates to matters of Constitutional interpretation?

- A. Our State and Federal Constitutions should be interpreted by ascertaining the original meaning of the words that make up these documents.
- B. Our State and Federal Constitutions should be interpreted by ascertaining the current meaning of the words that make up these documents.
- C. Our State and Federal Constitutions provide general outlines of societal goals. The interpretation of our Constitutions can change over time to reflect the changing views of society. Constitutional interpretation should not be so stringent as to preclude the flexibility needed in a changing society.
- D. A judge ought not commit to methods of constitutional interpretation before a case is heard. A judge should consider the arguments of the litigants and select a method of constitutional interpretation that produces a fair and equitable result in each case before the court.

4. Additional comments on the reverse side of this questionnaire (not required).

*NOTE: LIFESPAN is not a political organization and **does not endorse** candidates for election. We have surveyed the candidates as a service to our members. The questionnaires are on file at LIFESPAN's Main Office for your perusal. If you need further verification on a candidate's stand on these or other issues, please contact the candidate directly.*

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES WAYNE COUNTY



Judicial Candidate Questionnaire Reponses

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APPEALS COURT

1st District

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CIRCUIT COURT

3rd Circuit

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DISTRICT COURT

16th District

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18th District

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20th District

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22nd District

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23rd District

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27th District

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29th District

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33rd District

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34th District

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35th District

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* No response was received by Candidates

36th District

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PROBATE COURT

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LIFESPAN PRO=LIFE EVENTS

Links for Life (Canton)
August 30, 2024

Legislative Luncheon (TBD)
Date TBD

National Day of Remembrance (Troy)
September 14, 2024

October 2024 Newsletter - General Election
First Week of October

CIDER Walk for Life (TBD)
Date TBD

33rd Annual LIFE CHAIN (Multiple Loc.)
Sun., October 6, 2024

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES OAKLAND COUNTY



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APPEALS COURT

2nd District

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CIRCUIT COURT

6th Circuit

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DISTRICT COURT

67th, 4th Division District

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PROBATE COURT

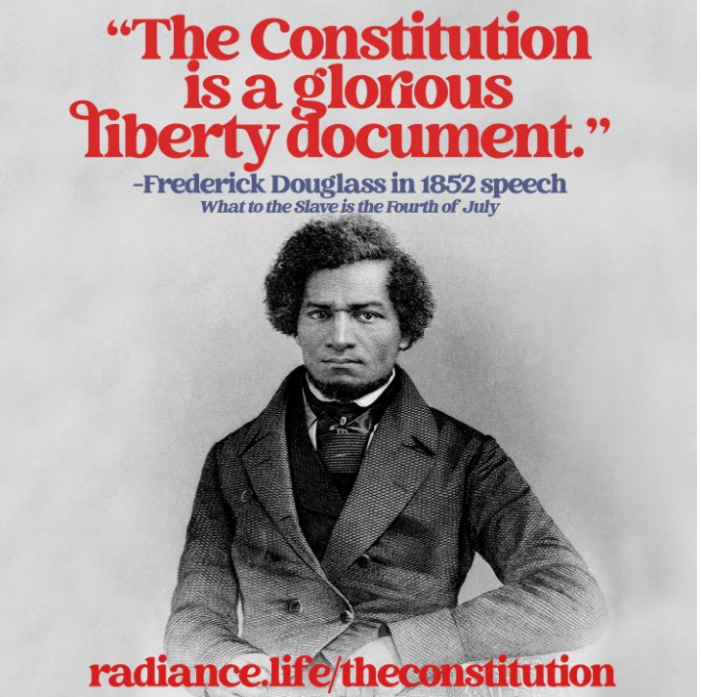
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Remember something, if you will, about voting:

Voting is not a horse race, you're not going there thinking, "Gee, I gotta pick the winner so I can brag to my friends. Oh, I picked so-and-so and he or she won." Voting is voting your heart and voting your conscience and when you've done that, don't ever, EVER let a Democrat or Republican tell you that you've wasted your vote because the fact is, if you DON'T vote your heart and conscience, then you HAVE wasted your vote.

~ Jesse Ventura ~



**Additional Races in the General Election
but not the Primary Election:**

President
Michigan Supreme Court
Michigan State Board of Education
University of Michigan Regents
Michigan State University Trustees
Wayne State Governors

**Watch out for these races in our
General Election Newsletter.**

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JUDICIAL CANDIDATES MACOMB COUNTY



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APPEALS COURT

2nd District

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CIRCUIT COURT

16th Circuit

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DISTRICT COURT

37th District

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39th District

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40th District

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41A District

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41B District

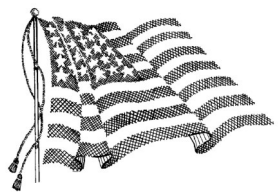
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42-2 District

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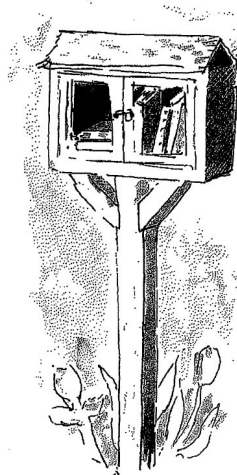
PROBATE COURT

Sandra A. Harrison A A A -



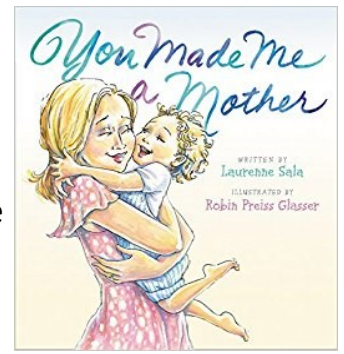
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LIFESPAN's Lil' Library Project



Share the *knowledge of life* through our grassroots approach by supplying your neighborhood "Lil' Libraries" with two pre-selected books appropriate for children of pre-school and primary grades - books that celebrate the joy of life.

Call (734-524-0162) or email (mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org) the LIFESPAN Main Office to obtain two (2) books for each location that you have discovered in your town. Be prepared to report the address of the location(s). This is an ongoing event that you can participate in at any time.



Prayer



FOR OUR GOVERNMENT

(NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL):

Father, I come to You in the Name of My Lord Jesus Christ. I pray for our government leaders at all levels: national, state and local. I pray that they would realize their personal sinfulness and daily need of Your wisdom. I pray that they will realize their personal inadequacy to fulfill the task and that they would be dependent on You for knowledge and courage to do what they know to be right. I pray that they would reject all counsel that violates Christian principles and that they would trust God to prove them right. I pray for strength for our leaders to resist pressure to violate their conscience and that by Your Power, Lord Jesus that our government will reverse the culture of death in this nation. I pray that our leaders are ready to forsake personal ambition and political causes that will not benefit our nation, state, or city. I pray that You will restore dignity, honor, trustworthiness and righteousness to the offices of our government and help them to be good examples in personal conduct for the people to follow.

I pray that our leaders will love and practice justice and mercy, speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves and rescuing the unborn who are unjustly sentenced to die. My earnest prayer is that You will reveal the deep and mysterious things that are hidden and expose them with Your marvelous light. I pray that You would make the crooked path straight, exposing all deceit. You said that if we would humble ourselves and pray, turn from our wicked ways and seek Your face that You will forgive our sins and restore our land.

Restore our land, Lord. I pray all of these things in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ. AMEN¹

¹ Scripture references: Joshua 1:9; 1 Tim 2:2; Prov 4:5; Prov 14:34; Prov 31:8; Prov 24:11; Dan 2:2122; Prov 2:7; Psalm 84:11; Psalm 25:21; Eph 5:1517; 2 Tim 1:810; Eph 5:1113; Prov 10:9; 2 Chron 7:14

LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

As is clearly seen, this issue of our newsletters gives us a window into how those candidates who responded feel about life issues. It is really sad that some of them don't give us the courtesy of a reply, but that lack of response is a pretty clear indication that they don't support our mission. LIFESPAN is not a political organization. Many years ago, we decided to focus on education rather than politics. That does not mean we are not keenly aware of how the value of human life is impacted by politics. Please carefully read this issue of the newsletter. If a candidate in your district has not responded, call his or her headquarters and respectfully ask their position on

"reproductive rights". This will give you some insight into your voting options and will let the candidate know that there are people in his/her district who care about their positions.



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Lynn Gura, Office Staff/Youth Director

Links for Life

A second reminder to save the date for Friday, August 30 for golf, food, and fellowship at the **4th Annual Links for Life Charity Golf Outing** at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton. This outing financially supports Chapter education and outreach efforts. The outing includes 18 holes of golf with shotgun start, hotdog lunch at the turn, drink ticket, and steak dinner. It also features a 50/50 raffle, auction items, and prizes. Sign up a golf foursome, join us for dinner, or sponsor a hole! See the flier in this newsletter for details.

Beware the Proposed WHO Pandemic Treaty & Amended International Health Regulations

At the UN, the current U.S. Administration and its pro-abortion allies in the developed world failed to overcome opposition from developing and traditional nations for a new World Health Organization (WHO) pandemic treaty that would cede national sovereignty over health policy to the WHO in the event of a future

pandemic comparable to Covid-19. Supporters sought to add the unlimited right to access abortion during pandemics into the treaty in violation of many national (and State) laws around the globe. This mercifully failed. Unfortunately, Western governments did succeed in passing amendments to the existing International Health Regulations that give the WHO a leading role in government censorship policies to "address misinformation and disinformation." Behind the scenes, WHO guidance played a major role in national policies in America and elsewhere that violated freedom of speech and censored information during the Covid-19 pandemic that is now recognized as accurate or open for debate in the medical, scientific, and intelligence communities.

Viva la Vida! VOTE PRO-LIFE on August 6!

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Wee Care



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Dear friends,

This will be a short article due to the Candidate Survey. Please read the results and make sure to vote the "good guys" in at our Primary Election!

Just one bit of news--

A very generous donation of \$1,200 was given to Wee Care by the St. John Neumann Women's Group for the explicit use of purchasing large baby equipment - car seats, pack & plays, etc. (somethings we never have!). We are so very grateful!

One of the families we would like to help is the mother and dad who lost their two-year-old in the Livonia tornado last month. They have a 2-month-old, who may need baby equipment. We have been in contact with the Livonia City Hall to be advised on how

we can help the family. Please keep this family in your prayers.

God bless you and remember to vote!

Love, Karen

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All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.



YOUTH REPORT

Thanks to the support of donors, LIFESPAN is sponsoring three high school students and nine young adults for the Protect Life Michigan Life Advocate Intensive training in early August. Each year, we sponsor students who want to get more involved as Advocates for Life. We are also able to sponsor Julia and her husband to attend the National Right to Life Convention in VA. We will share with you their experience from the training and how they will apply it in the future.

Get ready for the new way of registering for the LIFESPAN 2025 Movement in Motion Bus Trip to Washington, DC for the 3rd Post-Roe March for Life that will take place in January! We will be using RegFox, so you will be able to get all the information and forms you need to register as well as pay for the trip online by credit card. The registration will be up and running by the first week of September when registration opens. It will be included in the next newsletter! In the meantime, if anyone has any questions or would like further details, please

contact Lynn Gura, Bus Trip Coordinator, at 248-816-1546 or email her at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org.

In addition to the Bus Trip, we will be using RegFox again for the 2025 Be the Change. More information on that event in another upcoming newsletter.

Please follow us on social media. Julia is doing a great job on posting things regularly to reach more people with the pro-life message!

Be the Change!

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From the President's Desk

SCOTUS Dismisses Ban

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Dear Friends,

Did you ever think that sometimes the world is going mad? Everything is upside down, especially in our great country. Today, truth is being mocked and replaced with lies. The more the lie is spoken, the more it is accepted as truth. Today, if you are pro-life, you can be accused of several crimes just because you speak out for the truth; human life begins at conception and ends with natural death. Laws are being enacted that will allow people, who have these beliefs, to be prosecuted. An example of this is the Conscience Bill to protect pro-life doctors and other health professionals on abortion was BLOCKED by the Democrats in the Senate this June. Also, in May of this year, Joan Andrews Bell was one of several pro-life advocates who were given 27 months in federal prison for using their constitutional right to protest at an abortion chamber. This should frighten us all!

LIFESPAN cannot endorse candidates. But what we can do is survey all the candidates and ask them their pro-life views. We then present their answers to you in our Newsletter. The Candidate Survey you are reading in this newsletter must be shared beyond our membership. I ask that you share this information with everyone within your circle of family and friends. Knowledge is power. If you believe in the sanctity of human life, and will only vote party affiliation, if that party does not have a pro-life candidate, it is better you abstain from voting in that particular office. It is a matter of LIFE and DEATH. There are too many people in Washington, who are promoting and pushing perverted ideas of human sexuality and one of the things they are pushing the most is abortion. Abortion will be a primary issue in this campaign. The question you must ask is: do I want someone in Washington representing me, involved in legislation that permits the killing children and old people just because they are unwanted?

It will be up to you to share the candidates' answers with your family and friends. They, too, must answer the question: what does it mean to vote for a person who sees the child in the womb, not as a commodity (which can, be destroyed, for any reason), but, as a person from conception to natural death? It is a matter of LIFE or DEATH.

Please share the Candidate survey, and the information in the LIFESPAN July 2024 Newsletter, with your circle of family and friends. You can also find it on our website (miLIFESPAN.org/newsletters) to print and share.

May God give us the courage to speak out, no matter how difficult, and to share the truth.

— Diane Fagelman,
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

chemical abortions compared to surgical abortions." In fact, the FDA's own label warns that one in 25 women who take abortion drugs will end up in the emergency room.

Why then would a court so often accused of wanting to end all "abortion rights" dismiss this case in a unanimous decision? It's important to know that the decision was not based upon the merits of the FDA's actions or its claims about the safety of abortion drugs. The court did not legalize these drugs. Access to mifepristone and how it is used was not altered at all by this decision.

Rather, the case was dismissed based on a lack of standing. In other words, the plaintiffs did not demonstrate "how they would be injured by the government's alleged under-regulation of others."

Another way to say it is that, once again, the Supreme Court did not settle the issue of chemical abortion any more than it settled the issue of abortion in the *Roe* decision or the more recent *Dobbs* decision. That work is still in our hands.

It is now abundantly clear that chemical abortion is the future battleground in the defense for preborn lives, only much more privatized and more difficult to regulate. That's why we need additional judicial and legislative action aimed at the abortion pill, as well as existing pro-life legislation to be enacted and enforced at the state and local level, especially that which limits the widespread distribution and mail-order capacity of mifepristone.

Strategies need to be devised for both pro-life and pro-abortion states, including the protection of pregnancy resource centers from being targeted by progressive state officials. We need to advance abortion pill reversal, which has shown remarkable outcomes in saving children of moms who have changed their minds after taking mifepristone.

Even more, the Church needs to make the case for the dignity of all life, making the path of forgiveness known and offering hope and healing in Christ. And we need courageous lawmakers to take the next step in putting an end to abortion, both chemical and surgical. Lives depend on it.

— Monday, June 17, 2024, *NRL News Today*

How unfortunate that the SCOTUS has allowed indiscriminate access to the abortion pills without medical supervision. Unless a woman can be examined to exclude physical contradictions for these pills, the abortion pills will kill not only her unborn child, but possibly herself. A phone consultation will not find an ectopic pregnancy, a bleeding problem or if the woman is seeking an abortion of her own volition or if she is being forced or trafficked.

Diane Trombley, LIFESPAN Oak/Mac Counties Director

Absentee Voting

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Inserting the ballot into the secrecy sleeve: Completed ballots should be inserted into the secrecy sleeve as instructed.

Signing an absentee ballot envelope: Voters must sign and date the return envelope on the provided space. Voters should use their signature as shown on their driver's license, state ID, or voter registration application.

If a voter's signature does not fit in the provided space, a shorter signature that resembles the signature on record may be used. Voters may also sign a shortened version of their first name, for example, "Bill" for the name "William".

Returning the absentee ballot: Voters have several options to securely return their completed and signed absentee ballot envelope. Absentee ballots must be received by a voter's local clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted, with the exception of military and overseas ballots which must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by their local clerk within 6 days after the election in order to be counted. ❖

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To see up-to-date listings of all surveys received, we will be posting them on our website, miLIFESPAN.org, in July 2024.

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Supreme Court Dismisses Case that Would Have Limited Access to Chemical Abortion

By John Stonestreet & Jared Hayden

Last Thursday, the Supreme Court unanimously dismissed a case filed against the Food and Drug Administration for wrongfully expanding access to mifepristone, the first of two drugs utilized for “medical” abortions. The lawsuit was brought by the Alliance Defending Freedom on behalf of a group of medical professionals known as the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine.

When originally approved by the FDA in 2000, mifepristone could only be prescribed by a licensed physician after an in-person appointment and required an in-person follow-up to ensure that the abortion had been completed “safely.” In 2016, the Obama administration expanded the list of who could prescribe the drug and eliminated the two-week follow-up requirement. During the pandemic in 2021, the Biden administration first temporarily lifted the “in-person” requirement and then later that year removed it entirely. This allowed doctors to prescribe the lethal drug via telehealth and patients to receive it via mail.

In 2023, after the *Dobbs* ruling reversed *Roe v. Wade*, the Biden administration removed even more restrictions on mifepristone, including allowing retail pharmacies to dispense it. Early in 2024, Walgreens and CVS, the two largest pharmacy chains in the United States, announced they would begin offering the abortion pill mifepristone at select stores.

In the words of Alliance Defending Freedom, the actions of the FDA have “endangered women and girls by abandoning safeguards for abortion drugs, including in-person visits with a doctor to check for ectopic pregnancies, severe bleeding, and life-threatening infections.”

Activists and major media outlets immediately celebrated the decision, having long claimed that increased



and unaccountable access to chemical abortion drugs is a matter of women’s “healthcare.” In fact, chemical abortions have been made the new front of the abortion cause, mostly because of the financial upside.

After all, abortion providers have long been an industry and abortions a consumer product. As of 2023, chemical abortion made up 63% of all abortion, making it the most widely “accessed” form of abortion.

Every major news outlet and activist who celebrated the decision also repeated the claim that chemical abortions are safe, as if the claim is settled science. Of course, mifepristone is deadly for preborn babies and not safe for their mothers. The drug starves preborn children of the nutrients they need to grow by blocking the uterus from receiving progesterone.

For mothers, the drug can cause heavy bleeding, incomplete abortion, and infection, among other problems. According to one report, it “has been tied to 24 deaths and more than 4,000 adverse events” or complications. Still, other data has shown that “one in five women experienced an adverse event following a chemical abortion, and rates of complication were four times higher in

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